

VIX in the MIX

South Reading Vixens F.C. - Girls Under 10's Newsletter

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This is the first ever issue of the South Reading Vixens Under 10's Newsletter and possibly the last! That depends on **you** - we want your comments as to whether you find this idea useful and at least mildly interesting, both players and parents!

Any printable suggestions on contents welcome, there must be some hidden talent somewhere?

Proposed features will include the following:

- match results and reports
- league table and position
- month ahead fixtures and venues
- team news and progress reports
- most valuable player of the month awards
- most improved player of the month awards
- a short player profile each issue - on and off the field
- club news
- just for fun section - puzzles & competitions

Pre-season Training

South Reading Vixens were formed only three months ago in an effort to allow girls to prepare a season early for the unavoidable split from mixed team matches under F.A. rules. This meant that rather than wait for the inevitable next season, two girls from the existing South Reading Colts team, together with parents and manager, bravely agreed to form the basis of the Vixens. These girls have the valuable experience of playing in a league last season and are our Captain and Vice-Captain, namely Alana McGill and Jade Wylie.

With the introduction of various individuals over the last few months through advertising and by club association, we now have a developing team with huge potential. Pre-season training has been a learning process for both staff and players with the usual headaches along the way, but we now have a strong unit of keen girls with a point to prove in their first season in a new league.

We currently have a squad of 10 players, three of which are a year younger than the rest but no less enthusiastic. Each player has been issued with a Personal Development Plan (PDP) based on the observations of both coach and manager which is hoped to encourage both players and parents to work on key areas throughout the season.

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The Season Ahead

Our season this year kicks-off on September 08 with an away match to Ascot United Tigers. Details on meeting points and times will be advised at each training session prior to matches. The venue for home matches has yet to be confirmed but is likely to be at Reading Girls School - any volunteers to help set-up the pitch prior to play would be most welcome!

As with most clubs, transportation to away matches is a potential problem as ten girls into one mini-metro does not go regardless of how clever a mathematician you are! Therefore any offers in this department are crucial to the teams success and future participation. We would suggest that a donation of 50p per trip per player be made to the driver in each instance as a token of appreciation for this kind service at the discretion of individuals - bearing in mind that there are only nine away games in total and that training costs are the lowest anywhere in Reading!

Expectations within the club are minimal this season as it is our first together as a team - however, not so for both the manager and coaches and hopefully parents too! We believe that we have a squad already capable of mid table standard as a minimum - we want all the girls to aim high and think positive! Only time will tell - if we work as a team the results will come.

GOOD LUCK VIXENS !!!

September Fixtures

Date	Home Team	Away Team
08/09/2001	Ascot United Tigers	South Reading Vixens
15/09/2001	South Reading Vixens	Bracknell Town Buccaneers
22/09/2001	No Game - Possible Friendly T.B.A.	N/A
29/09/2001	California Regals	South Reading Vixens

Manager Profile

Just to set an example for future editions, instead of a player profile this issue, we have compiled a very brief manager profile:-

Tina Nurse was born in a land far, far away called London back at the tail-end of the swinging sixties. After about twenty years of football ignorance including two confused years supporting Liverpool, she finally began watching real football, namely Arsenal, where she claims to have learnt everything required to run a girls football team. Upon emigrating to Reading two years ago this dream became a reality when, after turning-down several lucrative offers to manage premierships clubs, she was saddled with a rag tag bunch of fugitives called the Vixens. Here the journey begins.....

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Meet the Team

Name	Position	Suggested Team Nicknames?
Alana McGill	Captain and Goalkeeper / Midfielder	Trouble or The Destroyer
Jade Wylie	Vice-Captain and Right-Back / Midfielder	The Rottweiler
Deanna Peters	Striker / Midfielder	Trouble 2 or The Blade
Sian Huntley	Left-Back / Midfielder	The Rock
Lauren Gotting	Goalkeeper / Midfielder	The Wonder Wall
Lauren Ball	Centre-Back / Midfielder	The Fighter
Serena Cox	Midfielder	The Wanderer or Sis
Charlotte Wheeler	Midfielder	The Battler or The Cap
Emily	Striker / Midfielder	To be advised
Toni	Midfielder	To be advised

Just for Fun

Colour the footballer below in a Premiership Team strip of your choice and see if the Manager can guess which it is - to make it harder, if you write the number on him she will have to guess the player too!



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